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SUBJECT: MAC OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES

REF: A) STATE 244504 STADIS; B) STATE 265302 STADIS

1. CUSTOMARY PRACTICE IN CANBERRA HAS BEEN FOR EMBASSY TO REQUEST MAC OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES THROUGH AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES WITH DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. A NOTE REQUESTING SUCH CLEARANCES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 WAS SENT TO DFA ON 4 NOVEMBER 1974. WE EXPECT AFFIRMATIVE REPLY SHORTLY.

2. ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR MAC OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING CLEARANCES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1975 CAME TO OUR ATTENTION IN FORM OF ROUTINE MESSAGE FROM 22 AIRFORCE TO USDAO CANBERRA.

3. EMBASSY IS RELUCTANT TO EXCHANGE DIPLOMATIC NOTES ON THIS SUBJECT WITH DFA MERELY ON THE BASIS OF A MESSAGE TO DAO FROM A SUBORDINATE USAF COMMAND. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME INDICATION THAT STATE HAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED SUCH REQUESTS IN THE FUTURE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ALL MATTERS RELATING TO U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN AUSTRALIA CAN BECOME CONTENTIOUS ISSUES IN PRESENT AUSTRALIAN POLITICAL CLIMATE.

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4. EMBASSY'S CONCERN IS COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT THERE IS

A MAJOR BUREAUCRATIC STRUGGLE UNDERWAY WITHIN GOA IN WHICH
SOME OF CIVILIAN HIERACHY IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ARE
SEEKING TO CUT DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERSONNEL
ENTIRELY OUT OF POLITICO-MILITARY MATTERS. IF THIS EFFORT
SUCCEEDS, IT WILL NOT RPT NOT SERVE OUR GENERAL INTERESTS.
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